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#### EXPERT DECLARATION OF MARLEEN WONG

I, MARLEEN WONG, declare as follows:

- I am Senior Vice Dean, the David Stein/Violet Goldberg Sachs Endowed Professor of Mental Health, Director of Field Education, Executive Director of the USC Telehealth Clinic, Clinical Advisor, Family Nurse Practitioner Program and former Clinical Advisor to the Cohen Military Clinic.
- As an endowed Professor at the Suzanne Dworak Peck School of Social Work at the University of Southern California, I have extensive experience in studying and developing programs that treat the effects of trauma in children. Many of the programs I have studied and developed have been applied in schools to significantly improve the educations obtained by traumatized children.
- 3. I received my Master of Social Work degree from the University of Southern California in 1971 and my doctorate from The Sanville Institute in 2005.
- 4. Earlier in my career, I served as Director of Mental Health, Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention at the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). I also served as Director of School Crisis and Intervention at the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress at the University of California Los Angeles ("UCLA") David Geffen Medical Center.
- 5. During my time at LAUSD I directly participated in the conception and development of the Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools program, typically referred to as "CBITS." CBITS is an evidence-based program using cognitive behavioral therapy techniques and skill-based group intervention to relieve symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, and general anxiety among children traumatized by violence, bullying, abuse, poverty, and other common sources of trauma, such as homelessness and foster living. I am also one of the original developers of Psychological First Aid/Listen, Protect, Connect ("PFA/LPC"), which is a school-based universal prevention intervention program for teachers and school staff to use to support, rehabilitate, and educate children who have experienced

trauma. CBITS and PFA/LPC are two examples of evidence based and evidence informed training, intervention, and treatment programs being successfully implemented across the United States to remedy the debilitating effects of childhood trauma.

- 6. Over the course of my career I have been repeatedly consulted by government agencies to develop programs to treat trauma in children. For example, I have been frequently consulted by the United States Department of Education to assist schools impacted by violence, shootings, terrorism, and natural disasters. I have also served on the Educational Directorate of the United States Department of Defense to develop materials to support children of parents deployed to war zones such as Iraq and Afghanistan. I also authored the United States Department of Justice's *COPS in Schools* curriculum on mental health intervention and crisis recovery in schools. I have advised teachers and school and government officials on the effects of psychological trauma on children throughout the United States as well as Europe, Asia, and Latin America.
- 7. I have also served on the Institute of Medicine's Board on Neuroscience and Behavioral Health to develop approaches to remedying public health crises, including childhood trauma. I continue to serve as Director and Principle Investigator for the USC/LAUSD/RAND/UCLA Trauma Services Adaptation Center for Resilience, Hope and Wellness in Schools, a community-based research partnership and member of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network. In 2011, I was appointed to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Advisory Council. I have previously served on the American Psychological Association's Presidential Task Force on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Trauma in Children and Adolescents.
- 8. Over the past 30 years I have spoken and testified about issues relating to childhood trauma across the country. For example, I spoke at the White House and in national town hall meetings during the administrations of presidents Bill Clinton,

George W. Bush, and Barack Obama. Following the recent Newtown school shooting tragedy, I was invited to White House meetings addressing ways to prepare schools to better deal with traumatic emergencies.

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I have received many honors and distinctions for my work on reducing the negative impact of trauma on children. For example, I received the first Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission's Personal Legacy Award; the Johnson & Johnson and Rosalynn Carter Institute for Human Development Caregiver's Program Award; the Los Angeles City Council and International Soroptomists Woman of Distinction Award; the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Interagency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect Special Service Award; and the George D. Nickel Award for Outstanding Professional Services by a Social Worker from the California Social Welfare Archives.

- 10. I have authored or co-authored over 50 publications relating to the mental health and educational impacts of trauma, including those listed in my curriculum vitae. Attached as Exhibit B to this Declaration is a list of publications I relied on in preparing this Declaration. In addition to these publications, I relied on my extensive personal knowledge acquired through over forty years of research and experience.
- 11. I was asked by Public Counsel and Sidley Austin to explain how trauma affects children's development, the long-term consequences of trauma on children, and the dangers of failing to provide high-quality, family-based interventions for traumas such as those suffered by the children of the Plaintiffs in this case.

## Trauma Explained

12. Trauma is the neurobiological stress response that occurs when a person experiences or witnesses an event involving life-threatening circumstances or the threat of serious injury that causes him or her to feel intense fear, helplessness, or horror. Complex trauma occurs when an individual experiences multiple, repeated or prolonged exposure to trauma such that the body's stress response more permanently impacts the development of the brain.

13. Common sources of trauma include: community violence; domestic violence; physical, psychological, or sexual abuse; parental neglect; poverty, including homelessness; racism and discrimination, and foster care or other transient living situations. For example, the majority of children exposed to violence display symptoms of psychological trauma.

## **Unaddressed Trauma Has Debilitating Effects on Children's Development**

- 14. Studies have extensively documented the broad range of negative sequelae of trauma exposure for youth, including post-traumatic stress disorder (Berman et al. 1996; Fitzpatrick & Boldizar 1993), anxiety problems (Finkelhor 1995; Osofsky et al. 1993), depressive symptoms (Jaycox et al. 2002; Kliewer et al. 1998; Overstreet 2000), dissociation (Putnam 1997), substance abuse, and aggressive and delinquent behavior.
- 15. The majority of children exposed to violence display symptoms of PTSD (Cuffe et al. 1998; Horowitz et al. 1995) and a substantial minority develop clinically significant PTSD (Jaycox et al. 2002).
- 16. Following exposure to a traumatic event, some children are more likely to develop PTSD than others. Youth who are at greater risk for developing PTSD include youth who have experienced multiple traumatic events (Fitzpatrick & Boldizar 1993; Jaycox et al. 2002; Martinez & Richters 1993; Saigh & Bremner 1999; Singer et al. 1995; Stein et al. 2003c; Stein et al. 2001), and youth who experience more severe trauma or are more proximate to the event (Kataoka et al. 2012).
- 17. Exposure to chronic traumatic stressors in the developing years can cause brain changes that affect memory and cognition, such as reducing a child's ability to focus, organize, and process information (Van der Kolk 2003), or decreased IQ and impaired school performance. (Delaney-Black et al. 2002; Grogger 1997; Hurt et al. 2001). Exposure to violence is also associated with behavioral changes, (Fitzpatrick 1993; Martinez & Richters 1993; Farrell & Bruce 1997; Ruchkin et al. 2007. Children

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experiencing the symptoms of trauma often suffer from an inability to concentrate, flashbacks or preoccupation with trauma.

- 18. Children and youth experiencing symptoms of traumatic stress exhibit clusters of behaviors including (1) re-experiencing— flashbacks or preoccupation with trauma or, for children, repetitive play or re-enacting the trauma in play, as well as recurring distressing thoughts, feelings, or nightmares; (2) numbing and avoidance—including avoidance of traumatic reminders or talking about trauma and refraining from participating in activities previously enjoyed; and (3) hyperarousal—such as irritability, anger, inability to concentrate, social agitation, and difficulty sleeping (Kataoka et al. 2012). Likewise, chronic anxiety can disrupt children's ability to regulate emotional states, leading to hypervigilance, emotional numbing, and inattentiveness.
- 19. The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine report that young children who are separated from their primary caregivers may potentially suffer mental health disorders and other adverse outcomes over the course of their lives (NASEM, 2016, p. 21-22)...most mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders have their roots in childhood and adolescence (NRC and IOM, 2009, p. 1), and childhood trauma has emerged as a strong risk factor for later suicidal behavior (IOM, 2002, p. 3).
- 20. The children who have been separated from parents may also have trauma histories which add to the complexity of risk factors. They may have witnessed domestic abuse or been subjected to the terror of civil unrest, war or crime in their countries of origin. In the perilous journey across borders, physical abuse and sexual assault of women and children have often been reported. In the process of arrest or in the detention centers, young children may be witness to violence between adults and other youths. Assessment for trauma and early intervention are indicated with health education support for parents, teachers and others on how to support the healing process once reunification has occurred.

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- 21. It has been documented that children who are separated from parents and detained in a low-support environment with insufficient supervision places them at increased risk of PTSD, depressive disorders, physical and emotional abuse by untrained adults and other detainees. (Matthew Hodes, "Psychopathology in refugee and asylum seeking children," in Michael Rutter et al. (eds.), Rutter's Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (Wiley-Blackwell, 2009).
- The increasing number of adverse childhood experiences sudden parental separation of indeterminate length in conditions of inadequate attention to safety, health care, supervision, clothing, nutrition, and movement to unknown locations -are a potent list for disruption in normal development, childhood depression, psychological and physical regression, anger, aggression, constant fear and anxiety. The negative impact of parental separation on the cognitive and emotional functioning of children can have lasting effects through childhood and adolescence as well as into adulthood, and contribute to lower academic achievement, attachment difficulties, and poor mental health. (Israel Bronstein and Paul Montgomery, "Psychological distress in refugee children: a systematic review," Clinical Child and Family Psychology Review 14, no. 1 (2010)

## Forcible separation of families inflicts severe trauma

- Forcible separation of families inflicts severe trauma on children and 23. parents. The bond between caregiver and child is critical for the child's sense of safety and well-being. When that bond is interrupted through a violent or forcible separation, the child experiences severe neurobiological stress causing the child to feel intense fear, helplessness, or horror. Such stress is particularly acute for children who have experienced other traumas, such as witnessing violence, sexual abuse, or forced detention, which are common experiences for migrant children fleeing violence and persecution.
- Prolonged exposure to such stress has a debilitating effect on children 24. even after the particular traumatic event is over. Children separated from their parents

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exhibit the behaviors detailed above typical of children experiencing the symptoms of traumatic stress. They can suffer anxiety, sleep disturbances, emotional changes such as aggression, withdrawal, and fear. They also suffer difficulties in reasoning, thinking, learning, and communication, and a decline in educational achievement.

- Reunification with caregivers is the first necessary step in mitigating the trauma these children experienced. However, reunification with caregivers is not enough to mitigate the effects of the forced separation. It is essential to intervene and treat the trauma as early as possible so that the child can function adaptively and feel less consumed by the traumatic event. Effective psychosocial interventions can mitigate the long-term effects of trauma exposures. Early intervention is effective in reducing the negative effects of trauma on children's development. Without such trauma treatment programs, the effect of the forcible separation on these children will be debilitating and will cause them life-long harm.
- 26. Therapy needed to begin the healing process should ideally take place outside the detention centers. Addressing and ameliorating the neglectful and potentially harmful effects of separation can only take place when children have been reunited with parents, not in the environment in which the harm, threat, fear and failure of reunion continues to cause traumatic experiences.
- I am experienced in designing trauma treatment programs and offer my 27. services to the court to ensure that these children receive the treatment they need.
- 28. I agree with Dean Luis H. Zayas that without appropriate treatment, "The harm our government is now causing will take a lifetime to undo."

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 10, 2018, in Los Angeles, California.

Marleen Wong

**Exhibit A** 

### Curriculum Vitae: Marleen Wong, Ph.D.

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#### **EDUCATION/TRAINING**

| INSTITUTION AND LOCATION   | DEGREE | YEAR | FIELD OF STUDY       |
|--|--------|------|----------------------|
| California State University at Fresno, Fresno, CA                              | BA     | 1969 | Social Welfare       |
| University of Southern California, Los Angeles,                                | MSW    | 1971 | Social Work          |
| California Institute for Clinical Social Work/Sanville Institute, Berkeley, CA | PhD    | 2005 | Clinical Social Work |

#### LICENSURE:

California Board of Behavioral Sciences 1974 - Present Licensed Clinical Social Worker

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**CREDENTIALS:** California Commission on Teacher Credentialing 1980 Pupil Personnel Services Credential University of Southern California 1980 Health Services Credential 1998 Tier I, Preliminary Administrative Credential California Lutheran University LAUSD Administrative Academy 2001 Completed

California State University at Dominguez Hills 2004 Tier II Professional Administrative Credential

#### **Positions and Employment**

| 1971-1974    | Outpatient Psychotherapist, Dept. of Adult Psychiatry, St. John's Hospital, Santa Monica, CA |
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| 1974-1994    | Practitioner, Private Practice, Beverly Hills, CA  |
| 1979-1993    | Psychiatric Social Worker, School Mental Health Programs, Los Angeles Unified School         |
|              | District (LAUSD)   |
| 1993-2001    | Director of Mental Health, District Crisis Teams, and Suicide Prevention Programs, LAUSD     |
| 1999-2005    | Trainer, Community Oriented Policing in Schools Program, US Dept of Justice                  |
| 2001-2005    | Director, School Crisis/Disaster Recovery, National Center for Child Traumatic Stress, UCLA  |
|              | Geffen Medical School and Duke University  |
| 2001-2008    | Director, Crisis Counseling & Intervention Services and District Crisis Teams, LAUSD         |
| 2005-present | Director and PI, LAUSD Trauma Services Adaptation Center for Schools and Communities,        |
|              | National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative, SAMHSA   |
| 2008-2012    | Assistant Dean, Clinical Professor and Director of Field Education, University of Southern   |
|              | California (USC), School of Social Work  |
| 2012-2015    | Senior Associate Dean, Clinical Professor and Director of Field Education, University of     |
|              | Southern California (USC), School of Social Work   |
| 2016-present | Senior Vice Dean and Director of Field Education   |
| 2016-2017    | Clinical Advisor, Cohen Military Clinic  |
| 2017-present | Executive Director, USC Telehealth Clinic  |
| 2017-present | David Stein/Violet Goldberg Sachs Endowed Professor of Mental Health201                      |

2017 present Clinical Advisor, Family Nurse Practitioner Program

#### Current Professional, Academic, Community-related, and Scientific Member Affiliations

National Association of Social Workers -

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North American Network of Field Educators (NANFED)

California and Southern California Consortia of Field Directors

Society of Social Work Research

California Association of School Social Workers

National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement, Advisory Board

The Melissa Foundation, Scientific Board

#### **Other Experience and National Activities**

| 1994-2008 | Member, US Dept. of Education, National Assessment and Crisis Response  |
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|           | Response to multiple school shootings, including Thurston High School, Columbine High   |
|           | School, Red Lake, MN., Dover, TN, etc.,   |
| 1998      | US Dept. of Education, Washington, D.C., Consultation with Secretary of Education Dr.   |
|           | Richard Riley to recommend changes in national school safety policy and programs  |
| 1998      | National Town Hall Meetings convened by the Vice-President, San Francisco and Los   |
|           | Angeles, Invited Speaker on School Safety   |
| 1998      | White House Conference on School Safety and Violence Prevention, Speaker  |
| 1999      | White House Conference on Mental Health, Invited Participant  |
| 1999      | Executive Office of the President, Office of National Drug Control Policy, Bi-National Drug Demand Reduction Conference, Tijuana, Mexico, Speaker |
| 1999-2005 | US Department of Justice, COPS in Schools Initiative - Author, Mental Health Curriculum;  |
|           | MH Trainer for 9,000 law enforcement officers across the United States and US Territories   |
| 2000      | American Academy of Pediatrics National Expert Panel, Injury Prevention   |
| 2000      | U.S. Surgeon General's Conference on Children's Mental Health, Washington, D.C., Invited  |
|           | Participant   |
| 2000      | US Surgeon General's Work Group on Eliminating Stigma, Invited Member   |
| 2001      | Consultant- U.S. Dept. of Education, NY Board of Education Schools – Developing School  |
|           | District Recovery Post 9/11   |
| 2001      | Friends of Los Angeles School Mental Health Organization – Annual Crisis Team Award   |
| 0000      | Established in Honor of Marleen Wong  |
| 2002      | Homeland Security/Dept of Justice – Development of School Safety and Anti-Terrorism   |
| 0000      | Preparedness – "National Expert" Speaker on DVD Production "What If?"   |
| 2002      | Webcast/Weblink: Conference Sponsored by the US Dept of Education, the Harvard School of  |
|           | Public Health, The Prevention Institute, Inc., and the Education Development Center, Inc.   |
|           | "Integrating MH into School Crisis and Disaster Recovery Plans: The 3Rs to Dealing with Trauma in Schools: Readiness, Response and Recovery"      |
| 2002-2003 | Consultant – Educational Opportunities Directorate, Dept. of Defense/Pentagon   |
| 2002-2003 | Development of DoD website materials and Educator Guides for children of deployed military  |
|           | personnel   |
| 2002-2005 | Member, Institute of Medicine, Board on Neuroscience and Behavioral Health  |
| 2002-2003 | Member, Institute of Medicine, Work Committee on the development of the publication:  |
| 2002 2000 | "Responding to the Psychological Consequences of Terrorism" (2003)  |
| 2003-2007 | Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program, UCLA Geffen School of Medicine   |
|           | Co-Chair, Program Policy Advisory Committee   |
|           | Co-Chair, Community Advisory Committee  |
|           | Member, Research Advisory Committee   |
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| 2004-2008 | Consultant/Trainer – U.S. Dept. of Education, Development of the Curriculum and National Training Program - Emergency Response and Crisis Management Initiative/Readiness and  |
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| 2005      | Emergency Management in Schools US Dept. of Education Webcast/Weblink: The Process of Recovery in Schools after Crises and Disasters   |
| 2005      | White House Conference on Helping America's Youth, Washington, DC, Invited Participant   |
| 2005      | Columbia University, Member, Working Group on Children as Intended Targets of Terrorism, National Center for Disaster Preparedness, New York, New York   |
| 2005      | Consultant to state superintendents of education and affected schools, US Dept. of Education, Travel through Texas, MS, Alabama and Louisiana Schools Enrolling Students Evacuated from Hurricane Katrina  |
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| 2005      | SAMHSA Webcast – Effects of Disasters on Children in Schools   |
| 2005      | Consultant, State of Louisiana Department of Education, Crisis Response and Recovery Post-<br>Hurricanes Katrina and Rita  |
| 2005      | UCLA/RAND NIMH Quality Forum, Member of the Planning Council for Intermediate and Long-<br>Term MH Outreach and Support Services for Victims of Hurricane Katrina  |
| 2005      | White House Conference on Helping America's Youth, Washington, DC Howard University  |
| 2005      | NIMH Outreach Partnership Program, Annual Meeting, Invited Presentation: Evidenced based School Practices for Children and Trauma  |
| 2006      | Consultant, Bailey Colorado, School Shooting   |
| 2006      | Invited Speaker, SAMHSA Spirit of Recovery Conference, New Orleans – "Children and Trauma"   |
| 2006      | SAMHSA webcast/weblink – "Children and Trauma: Helping Schools Recovery from Disaster"   |
| 2006      | Invited Speaker - National Center for Children in Poverty – Forum, Columbia University, New York - Strengthening Federal, Tribal, State and Local Policies to Support Children, Youth and Families Who Experience Trauma, "Evidence Based Trauma Treatments in Schools"  |
| 2006      | White House Conference on School Safety Speaker on Panel with President George W. Bush: Working Together To Make Our Schools Safe/Lessons Learned and Speaker on Panel with US Secretary of Education Dr. Margaret Spellings and Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez: The Short- And Long-Term Needs Of Schools and Communities Following Traumatic Events |
| 2006      | Center for School Mental Health Analysis and Action, Baltimore, MD – Presentation "Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools - CBITS in Baltimore and Los Angeles: An Evidence Based Trauma Intervention for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students"   |
| 2006      | Consultant, Murder of Student, School in the Golan Heights, Israel; Meeting with National School Officials, Ministry of Education, Jerusalem   |
| 2007      | Outstanding Alumna, "Top Dog" Madden Library Nominee, California State University at Fresno  |
| 2008      | White House Conference on Helping America's Youth, Portland, Oregon  |
| 2008      | Trained over 100 School Psychologists from Dept. of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) from around the world, Washington, DC   |
| 2008      | Consultation - Threat Assessment and Crisis Recovery, DoDDS Europe - Executive Leadership, Wiesbaden, Germany  |
| 2008      | Moderator on Mental Health and Education Policy Research Panel – Issues and Future Directions, MacArthur Foundation "Fundamental Policy" Conference, Spotlight on Mental Health Washington, DC   |
| 2008      | Member, Presidential Task Force on Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Trauma in Children and Adolescents, American Psychological Association's (APA)  |
| 2008      | Trained 100 Elementary and Middle School Counselors from DoDDESS schools across the US Atlanta Georgia   |
| 2008      | Provided response and training to medical, psychiatric and volunteer workers in Sichuan Province, China after the Great Sichuan Earthquake   |
| 2008      | Co-Author of Psychological First Aid: Listen, Protect, Connect – a population based strategy for disaster response and recovery – Guidance materials added to 3 websites: US Dept of Homeland Security, US Dept of Education and the California Department of Mental Health, Disasters Response and Recovery   |

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2009 Traveled around the world to meet with administrators in DoDEA Schools in Asia, Europe, and the US – Trained principals, counselors, school psychologists in trauma prevention and early interventions and school threat assessment protocols 2009 Returned to Sichuan Province to continue training to medical, psychiatric and volunteer workers after the Great Sichuan Earthquake 2009 Provided consultation to Chinese researchers at South China Normal University in Guangzhou, China in the development of their studies on the psychological trauma of child and adult survivors of the Sichuan EQ 2009 Appointed to the Education Subcommittee of the National Commission on Children and Disasters 2009 Appointed as a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in the area of at-risk populations by the Disaster Mental Health (DMH) Subcommittee of the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB), a federal advisory committee mandated by the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (Section 402, P.L. 109-417) and tasked with providing expert advice and guidance to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on scientific, technical, and other matters of special interest to the Department regarding current and future chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological agents, whether naturally occurring, accidental, or deliberate 2010 Invited speaker at the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Hanshin Earthquake – International Symposium, Kobe, Japan Appointed to workgroup to establish criteria for Military Social Work practice for the Council on 2010 Social Work Education 2010 US Department of Education, Trainer for the Readiness and Emergency Management Grant on Child Bereavement and Trauma in Schools Consultant, US Department of Education, on BP Oil Spill - Meeting with state education leaders 2010 from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi to assess student and faculty needs and assist with creating a mental health recovery program in schools 2010 Panelist in SAMHSA sponsored Women and Health event at CBS Television City in Los Angeles with over 17 screenwriters and studio executives. Focus on women's health and child trauma issues to inform accurate depictions in screenwriting, television and film production 2010 Expanded USC School of Social Work Responsibilities as Assistant Dean for Field Education in 4 Academic Centers located at the University Park Campus, San Diego, Orange County, West Los Angeles and the first top 10 "Virtual Academic Center" – distance education MSW program now available in over 40 states in the US and Canada. CSWE Presentation on Integrating Trauma in the Curriculum with Virginia Strand, Ph.D., 2010 Professor at Fordham University School of Social Service, Robert Abramovitz, M.D., Professor at Hunter College School of Social Work and Christopher Layne, Ph.D., Program Director of Treatment and Intervention Development, UCLA/Duke National Center for Child Traumatic 2011 Consultant, US Department of Education on Deep Water Horizen Spill - Meeting with state education leaders from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi to assist with creating a mental health recovery program on Caregiver/Compassion Fatigue in schools 2011 USAid/US State Department Conference – International Disaster Response and Recovery In China and Japan" 2011 Webinar, National Child Traumatic Stress Network, Developing a School Based Recovery Program in the Aftermath of 9/11" 2011 Invited Panelist, Psychological First Aid for Schools, USC Global Conference, Hong Kong PRC Invited Speaker, Vancouver School District "Impact of Violence Exposure and Psychological 2011 Trauma in Schools", Vancouver, Canada 2011 Keynote Speaker - "Trauma Leaves Children Behind", National School Mental Health Conference, Charleston, South Carolina 2011 Appointed Member, National Advisory Council, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, US Dept. of Health and Human Services 2012 Consultant/Invited Speaker - National Mental Support Center for School Crisis, Osaka Kyoiku (Education) University, Osaka Japan

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| 2012    | Roundtable on Social Work and Science, National Academy of Social Work                         |
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| 2012    | Keynote Speaker – A Brief History of Childhood Traumatic Stress/Workshops on Secondary         |
| 2012    |  |
|         | Trauma and Psychological first Aid, Kentucky Behavioral Conference                             |
| 2012    | US Dept. of Justice, Defending Childhood Initiative/Expert Work Group                          |
| 2012    | US Dept. of Justice, Defending Childhood Initiative/Speaker on Children Exposed to Violence    |
|         | Webinar  |
| 2012    | US Dept. of Education, Consultant, Curriculum Developer and Trainer on Secondary Trauma        |
| 2012    |  |
| 0040    | Among K-12 educators   |
| 2012    | US Dept. of Education, WebinarTrainer on Secondary Trauma                                      |
| 2012    | Beijing, Chengdu, Chonqing, Hong Kong, People's Republic of China/Taipei, Kaoshung, Taiwan     |
|         | Multiple dates/consultation on the development of social work MSW programs at various          |
|         | Chinese and Taiwanese universities   |
| 2012-13 | Multiple on ground consultations on Recovery Process, Sandy Hook Elementary School,            |
| 2012-13 |  |
|         | Newton CT  |
| 2013    | Speaker at Confidential CT State Security Summit on Newtown CT                                 |
| 2013    | Invited testimony/CT Governor Malloy's Commission on Sandy Hook, Hartford CT.                  |
| 2013    | Invited testimony/White House Meeting on Emergency Management, Washington, DC                  |
| 2013/16 | Appointed Member, University of Montana, Native American Trauma Healing Council                |
| 2013/16 | Scientific Advisory Board Member, The Melissa Institute for Violence Prevention, Miami Florida |
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| 2013-16 | Advisory Board Member, The National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement, USC              |
| 2013    | Speaker at Confidential CT State Security Summit on Newtown CT massacre                        |
| 2013/14 | Invited testimony/Governor Malloy's Commission on Sandy Hook, Hartford CT.                     |
|         | Child Trauma After Violent School Attacks/Long Term Strategies for School Recovery             |
|         | After Violent School Attacks   |
| 2013    | Invited Speaker/White House Summit on Emergency Management after the Sandy Hook                |
| 2010    | Tragedy, Washington, DC  |
| 2013    | Invited Commentary- Archives of the Oklahoma City Memorial – Disaster Response and             |
| 2013    |  |
|         | Recovery after the Bombing of the Murrah Federal Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma             |
| 2014    | Invited Testimony as a scheduled subject matter expert witness to the US Attorney              |
|         | General's Advisory Committee on Indian/Alaska Native Children Exposed to Violence.             |
| 2015    | Invited Speaker, White House Summit on Rethinking Discipline, Washington, DC                   |
| 2016    | Invited Testimony to The Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE), the principal |
| 2010    | advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on policy         |
|         |  |
|         | development/responsible for major activities in policy coordination, legislation development,  |
|         | strategic planning, policy research, evaluation, and economic analysis.                        |
|         | Invited recommendations for funding formulas and policy development for behavioral health in   |
|         | K-12 schools.  |
| 2016    | Consultation with survivors of San Bernardino Terrorist Attack                                 |
| 2017    | Consultation with the Clark County School District on behalf of the survivors of the Las Vegas |
| 2011    | Concert Massacre   |
| 2018    |  |
|         | Kaiser Grand Rounds – Santa Rosa California, Response and Recovery after Wildfires             |
| 2018    | SAMHSA Subject Matter Expert Meeting – Developing Trauma Informed Schools                      |
| 2018    | Planning Committee of the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress (NCCTS) to serve as an    |
|         | Expert Panelist in preparation for the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN)         |
|         | Supporting Trauma-Informed Schools to Keep Students in the Classroom Breakthrough Series       |
|         | Collaborative Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.   |
| 2018    | Training for the South Korean National School Mental Health Center on Developing Trauma        |
| _0.0    | Informed Schools   |
| 2018    |  |
| 2010    | Subject Matter Expert Panel on Creating, Supporting and Sustaining Trauma-Informed Schools:    |
|         | A Systems Framework/Inteegrating SEL with Trauma Informed Approaches                           |
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#### **Honors**

The Jules Levine Outstanding Field Instructor Award, Amigos de la Humanidad, University of Southern California

| 1998 | Southern California Psychiatric Society, Outstanding Individual Contribution to the Field of                       |
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| 1000 | Mental Health  |
| 1998 | County of Los Angeles, Commendation for Outstanding Service to the People of the County                            |
|      | of Los Angeles   |
| 1999 | Asian Pacific Coastal (APAC) Mental Health Service Outstanding Contributions to the Asian                          |
| 4000 | Pacific Community  |
| 1999 | Superintendent's Commendation for Special Contributions to the Students of the Los Angeles Unified School District |
| 2000 | Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission, Year 2000 Inaugural Personal Legacy                                   |
|      | Award For Accomplishments in the Fields of Education and Mental Health   |
| 2001 | National Education Association, National Delegate Assembly "The Power of Community                                 |
|      | Heroes"  |
| 2001 | Rosalynn Carter Caregiver's Program Award  |
| 2003 | Woman of Distinction Award, County of Los Angeles  |
| 2003 | International Soroptomists Award for Women of Distinction  |
| 2007 | Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Commendation   |
| 2007 | InterAgency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect Commendation  |
| 2008 | Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Iowa, College of Public Health                                     |
| 2010 | Evis Coda Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Child Mental Health,                                 |
|      | Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic  |
| 2012 | Jean Sanville Award  |
| 2012 | Asian Pacific Islander Social Work Caucus, Service Visionary Award   |
| 2012 | USC School of Social Work, Dean's Award for Creativity and Leadership  |
| 2013 | George W. Nickel Award for Outstanding Contributions to Social Welfare, Social Welfare Archives                    |
| 2017 | David Stein/Violet Goldberg Sachs Endowed Professor of Mental Health   |
| 2018 | Blue Ribbon Panel on School Safety, City Attorney of Los Angeles   |
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1) U79 SM061270-01 Wong (PI) 9/30/16-9/29/21 SAMHSA/National Child Traumatic Stress Network \$3 M

USC Trauma Services Adaptation Center for Resilience, Hope and Wellness in Schools and Communities This Trauma Services Adaptation (TSA) center is the only school-based site in the National Child Traumatic Stress Network. The TSA provide national leadership to 1) assist NCTSN sites to develop, implement, evaluate, and disseminate trauma-informed services for schools, 2) develop the spectrum of school based trauma informed resilience and early interventions for K-12 students in public schools, particularly those serving children of military personnel, 3) build and enhance child trauma curriculum in schools of social work 4) expand training from agency sites to graduate students of social work, clinical psychology and child psychiatry as part of a pre-service workforce develoment initiative 5) create a webbased training site for providers wishing to implement the Cognitive Behavioral Intervention for Trauma in Schools (CBITS)

#### **Previous Research Support**

1) Director, LA SBIRT Regional Network, Wong (USC Co-PI) 10/1/13-9/30/16 SAMHSA PI Dr. Timothy Fong UCLA Geffen School of Medicine

Funded by a three year SAMHSA grant, the Los Angeles SBIRT Network develops, implements, and evaluates SBIRT training for students from UCLA medical residencies, nursing, USC social work and school counseling throughout the Los Angeles area. After SBIRT training, students implement SBIRT practices during their

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internships, which will lay the foundation for them to incorporate SBIRT into their practice. SBIRT trainings are conducted through online training modules and through in-person SBIRT training events held by the Los Angeles SBIRT Training Team. Skills learned in training include learning how to use evidence-based screening tools, brief behavioral interventions, preparing patients for referrals and linking patients quickly and reliably into treatment. Students trained in SBIRT practices will be able to participate in the Los Angeles SBIRT Learning Community, a network of expert addiction treatment professionals, school administrators, healthcare professionals and community advocates. An Annual Los Angeles SBIRT Summit, a multidisciplinary conference will be held for the purpose of bringing the latest research to enhance the knowledge, skills and practice of providers.

2) DoDEA Wong (USC Co-PI) 6/14/10-8/31/14
DoDEA contract number HE1254-10-1-004/Subaward from Fallbrook Union Elementary School District \$7.6M

Building Capacity to Create Highly Supportive Military-Connected School Districts: The Integration of Local School Data, Community Supports, Evidence-based Programs, and Empowerment Strategies is based on a model implemented successfully throughout Israel. The \$7.6M DoDEA initiative is a partnership between eight military-connected districts and the University of Southern California (USC). It will identify and provide appropriate supports for military students by (1) creating a clearinghouse of evidence-based best practices (EBP), (2) helping stakeholders, select the most appropriate EPBs, and (3) assisting the districts in their implementation. Support to military students and their families includes 72,000 contact hours from a cadre of 30 Master of Social Work interns and their mentors. USC has augmented the California Healthy Kids Survey with a Military Module that will be disseminated throughout California.

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